



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS UP 6 %

For the week ending November 06, 2004, growers placed 10.7 million broiler chicks in Delmarva grower houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 6.1% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (10.7 million) increased 6.1% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.6 million, a decrease of 3.4% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.2 million for the week ending October 30, 2004 compared to 11.3 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR	CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
09/11/04	12,900	12,708	11,934	11,584	11,935	11,584
09/18/04	12,409	12,087	11,755	11,501	11,759	11,501
09/25/04	13,052	13,345	11,302	11,181	11,302	11,181
10/02/04	13,086	13,389	10,559	10,634	10,559	10,634
10/09/04	13,044	13,015	10,214	9,942	10,214	9,942
10/16/04	12,214	12,876	10,867	11,112	10,867	11,112
10/23/04	12,418	12,586	10,812	11,151	10,812	11,151
10/30/04	13,799	13,314	10,787	10,807	10,787	10,807
11/06/04	14,064	13,584	10,123	10,739	10,123	10,739

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 11/13/04	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	61.79	61.86	63.04	59.50
12-City Composite 2/	67.67	67.76	69.44	63.77

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.